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Petition For Revival Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) Of An Unintentionally Abandoned Application For Patent

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants have filed herewith a Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181(a) Requesting Withdrawal of a Holding of Abandonment for the above-identified patent application, Application No. 09/182,499. Applicants note that a petition not filed within 2 months from the action complained of may be dismissed as untimely.

Should that petition not be granted for any reason, Applicants respectfully request revival of the above-identified patent application, Application No. 09/182,499, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). 37 CFR 1.137(b) provides for revival of abandoned applications for unintentional delay in replying to an outstanding Office action. 37 CFR 1.137(b) requires that a grantable petition be accompanied by a petition fee as set forth in section 1.17(1), a reply to the outstanding action, a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date to the filing of a grantable petition was unintentionable, and a terminal disclaimer and fee if necessary.

Applicants attest that that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the time it was due until filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional

Applicants respectfully request that this Petition For Revival Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) Of An Unintentionally Abandoned Application For Patent be allowed, and that the Patent Office accept and enter the attached Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111, fully

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addressing all prior rejections, and any required fees.

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A fee of \$1280.00 is believed to be due for this petition. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A duplicate of this authorization is attached for the Finance Branch.

Further, while Applicants believe no continuing application having priority to 09/182,499 is needed, should the PTO deem that a continuing application is required to ameliorate an inordinate burden on the PTO, please treat this petition as a request therefore and please charge the required fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Further, while Applicants believe no terminal disclaimer is needed, should the Patent Office deem a terminal disclaimer is needed, Applicants agree to provide the required terminal disclaimer. A Supplemental Amendment is co-filed herewith and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Such reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

No other fees are believed due. However, should any fees be required for any reason, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Please direct all further communications to the undersigned

Respectfully submitted,

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